

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: VISHNU K. AGARWAL AND
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FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMING A PLANARIZING PAD FOR
PLANARIZATION OF
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES**

Preliminary Amendment

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.